

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Rep. Labriola: Bond Commission Approves Funds for Oxford Airport**



State Representative David Labriola, R-131, announced the State Bond Commission today approved \$330,000 in grant funds for upgrades to Waterbury-Oxford Airport in Oxford. The Bond Commission made the allocation during its monthly meeting in Hartford this morning.

Of today's allocation, \$300,000 will be used to purchase a generator that can power airfield lights in the event of a commercial power failure. Currently, if commercial power is lost at night or during daytime hours when there is poor visibility, the airport is forced to close. The generator will ensure the facility remains open in such instances.

The remaining \$30,000 will be used to install signs on nearby roads and highways informing drivers of the airport's location. It will also fund a lit sign near the facility's entrance.

"Waterbury Oxford Airport plays a key role in Oxford's economic development and I'm pleased Governor Rell and the Bond Commission supported this request," said Rep. Labriola. "The grant will improve safety at the airport and increase visibility in the surrounding community."

"We're excited about the grant, as both projects are important," said Waterbury-Oxford Airport Manager Michael O'Donnell. "One is important to the operating safety of the airport, the other is important because it will help people to find us."